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Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk
County of: Monterey
168 West Alisal Street, 1st Floor
Salinas, CA 93901

From: (Public Agency): Resource Conservation District of Monterey County
774-A LaGuardia Street
Salinas, CA 93905
(Address)

Project Title: Los Padres Strategic Community Fuelbreak Collaborative Project- San Clemente Rancho Fuelbreak Maintenance

Project Applicant: Resource Conservation District of Monterey County

Project Location - Specific:
San Clemente Rancho- 36865 Dormody Road, Carmel Valley 93923

Project Location - City: Carmel Valley Project Location - County: Monterey

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
This project will maintain 38 acres of ridge-top fuelbreaks established in the Soberanes Fire and the Carmel Fires on San Clemente Rancho property as well as neighboring parcels. These fuelbreaks serve to protect San Clemente Rancho, Santa Lucia Preserve, United States Forest Service, California American Water and other private parcels in the vicinity of the fuelbreaks. Maintenance will consist of using a masticator to keep fuelbreaks clear on an annual basis and reducing the need for emergency clearance of these established, strategic fuelbreaks during a wildfire event.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Resource Conservation District of Monterey County

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Bruce Dormody

Exempt Status: **(check one):**

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15304: Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:
This project is exempt as the maintenance of fuelbreaks falls under a Class 4 categorical exemption as defined by Article 19. Categorical Exemptions of the CEQA Guidelines. The maintenance of the fuelbreaks will not include removal of healthy, mature trees.

§ 15304. Minor Alterations to Land
Class 4 consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Jamie Tuitele-Lewis Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 559-593-9235

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: _____ Date: 6/17/2021 Title: Exec. Director

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

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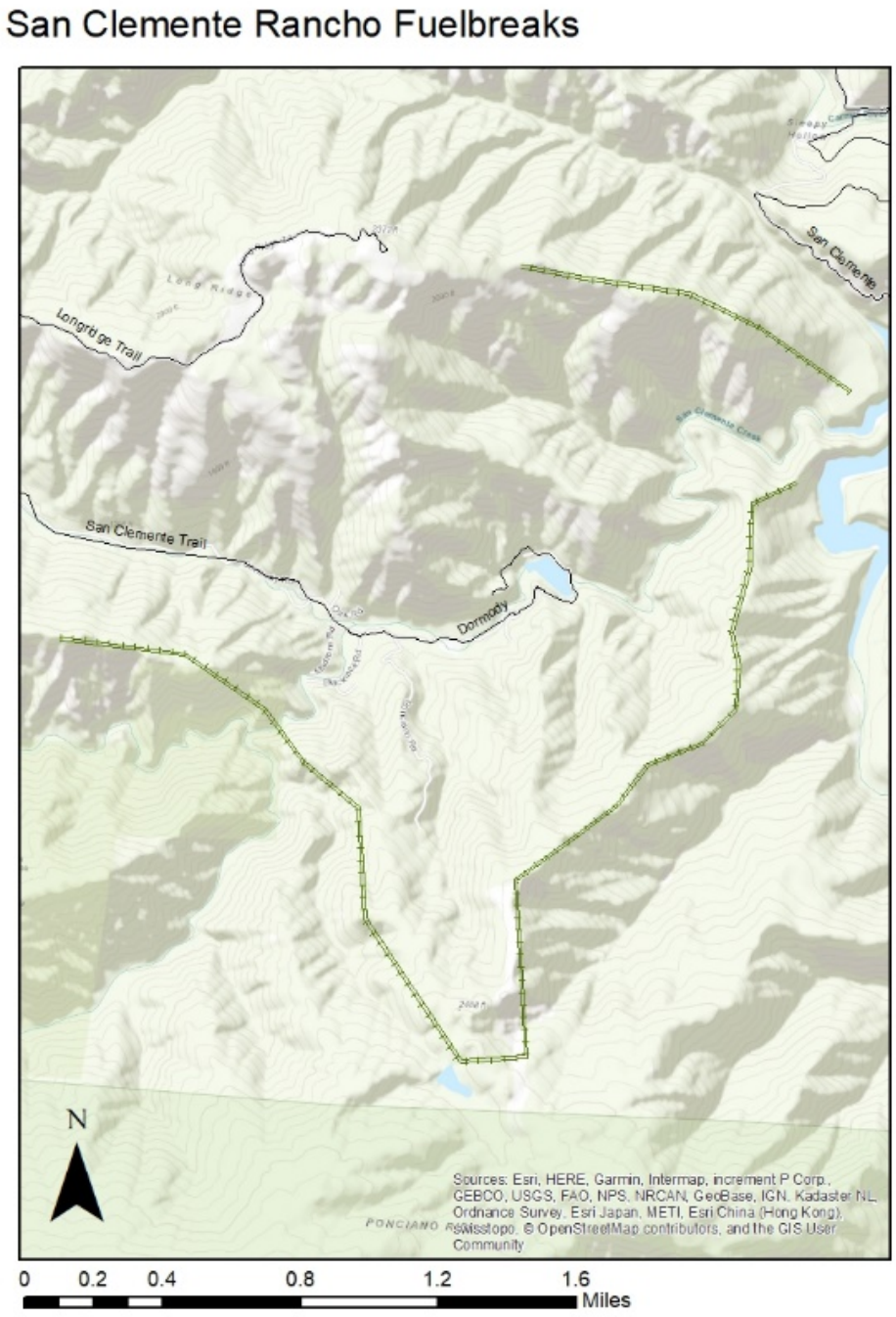
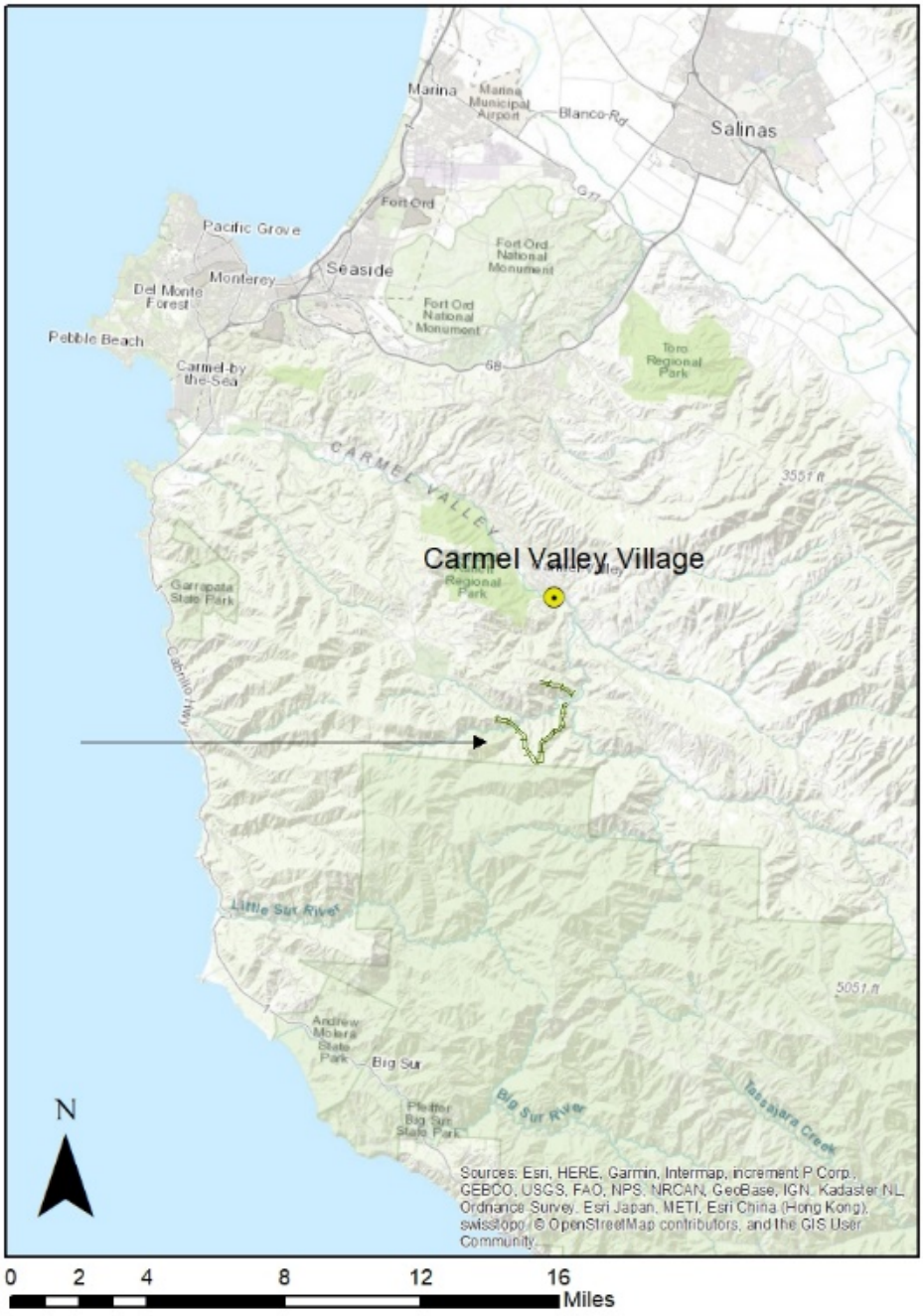
Attachment to Notice of Exemption

Maps of San Clemente Rancho Fuelbreaks and location



San Clemente Rancho Fuelbreaks- Location